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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE MEETING OF RHODESIAN PRINCIPALS IN  
SWAZILAND

1. WE ARE ACTIVELY WORKING WITH BRITISH IN ATTEMPT TO  
BRING ABOUT AN UNPUBLICIZED MEETING OF THE RHODESIAN  
PRINCIPALS IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. HIGH LEVEL PARTI-  
CIPATION BY U.S. AND HMG OFFICIALS IS BEING CONSIDERED.  
THOUGH SITES IN BOTSWANA, ZAMBIA AND RHODESIA HAVE BEEN  
MENTIONED, SWAZILAND NOW APPEARS TO BE PREFERRED VENUE  
AS IT IS THE LEAST OFFENSIVE LOCALE FOR ALL POTENTIAL  
PARTICIPANTS.

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2. DEPARTMENT NEEDS URGENTLY YOUR VIEWS ON THE FOLLOWING  
SUBJECTS. YOU SHOULD NOT RPT NOT DISCUSS THIS ISSUE  
WITH THE SWAZI GOVERNMENT OR EVEN OTHER U.S. OFFICIALS  
AT THIS TIME.

(A) IS SWAZI GOVERNMENT LIKELY TO ACCEPT IDEA OF  
HOLDING SECRET MEETING IN SWAZILAND AND CAN IT OFFER

NECESSARY ASSISTANCE IN MANNER WHICH WOULD PROTECT  
MEETINGS CONFIDENTIALITY?

(B) IS THERE A CONVENIENT LOCALE, PREFERABLY AN ISOLATED

OR ISOLATABLE PRIVATE LODGE OR HOTEL ACCESSIBLE TO SMALL  
AIRCRAFT WHICH COULD ACCOMMODATE APPROXIMATELY 20-30  
INDIVIDUALS FOR TWO DAY CONFERENCE? (IF SO, WHAT IS  
MAXIMUM SIZE OF AIRCRAFT WHICH COULD BE HANDLED?)

(C) WE ARE AWARE THAT KING SOBHUZA MAINTAINS RETREAT  
WHERE HE HAS OCCASIONALLY SCHEDULED PRIVATE MEETINGS.  
IS THIS LOCALE A POSSIBILITY?

3. OBVIOUSLY, MANY MORE QUESTIONS RELATING TO TECHNICAL  
DETAILS OF SUCH A MEETING WILL BE RAISED, BUT FOR THE  
PRESENT, WE ARE INTERESTED IN YOUR RESPONSE TO ABOVE AND  
YOUR GENERAL VIEWS ON FEASIBILITY OF MANAGING UNPUBLICIZED  
GATHERING OF RHODESIAN PRINCIPALS IN SWAZILAND.  
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